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SUBJECT: ECWA FOURTH PLENARY, AMMAN, APRIL 24-29

REF: AMMAN 2465 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY -- FOURTH ECWA PLENARY WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY

TO REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF ECWA DURING PAST YEAR

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AND PLANS FOR FUTURE. TWO POLITICAL ISSUES WERE
ADDRESSED, PLO AND EGYPTIAN FULL MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA.
ON FIRST ISSUE, US AND EC DELS WERE PREVENTED FROM
MAKING ORAL STATEMENT ON ISSUE, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY
CHAIR ACCEPTED WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM BOTH. RE-
SOLUTION RECOMMENDING PLO MEMBERSHIP TO ECOSOC WAS
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. ISSUE OF EGYPT'S MEMBERSHIP HIT

SOME INITIAL RESISTENCE, BUT FINALLY RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT ECOSOC ADMIT EGYPT TO ECWA WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. THREE DELEGATIONS IN PARTICULAR-- IRAQ, KUWAIT AND JORDAN -- HAD DONE THEIR HOMEWORK THOROUGHLY AND DOMINATED PLENARY PROCEEDINGS. BEIRUT HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS VENUE OF NEXT YEAR'S PLENARY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OPENING DAY OF ECWA PLENARY, FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:

CHAIRMAN - NAJMUDDIN DAJANI, GOJ MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE;

VICE-CHAIRMAN - MOHAMAD ABDEL WAHAB JOUBARI (YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC) AND S. BARAKAT AL-LAMAKY (OMAN);

RAPPORTEUR - GHAZI DERWISH (IRAQ)

SUBSEQUENTLY, A THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FADLE MOHSEN (PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN) WAS ELECTED.

FOR MOST PART, IN RUSH NEAR END OF PLENARY, SIXTEEN RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY ECOSOC.

OTHER THAN THOSE RECOMMENDING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA FOR PLO AND EGYPT, RESOLUTIONS EMPHASIZED THEME OF INTRA-REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING RECONSTRUCTION OF LEBANON, IMPORTANCE OF TRANSNATIONALS IN OIL INDUSTRY, AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN SECOND

DEVELOPMENT DECADE WERE ADOPTED. WITH EXCEPTION OF SYRIAN RESERVATION ON RESOLUTION CONCERNING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, ALL RESOLUTION S WERE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

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3. PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA -- ON FIRST DAY OF PLENARY, ECWA MEMBERS AGREED TO SUBMIT TO ECOSOC RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING FULL ECWA MEMBERSHIP FOR PLO. (PLO HAD BEEN ENJOYING UNIQUE STATUS OF "PERMANENT OBSERVER.") AT LATER MEETING WHEN PLO RESOLUTION WAS FORMALLY TABLED, US OBSERVER DELEGATION CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTION (STATE 0094107), ATTEMPTED TO MAKE STATEMENT BUT WAS INTERRUPTED ON "POINT OF ORDER" BY IRAQI DEL, WHO ARGUED THAT DISCUSSION ON MATTER HAD BEEN CLOSED. PLO DEL SUGGESTED THAT ANY DELEGATION SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK -- EVEN IF IT HAD NO RIGHT TO. US DEL WAS AGAIN RECOGNIZED AND AGAIN INTERRUPTED BY IRAQI ON SAME "POINT OF ORDER". CHAIR THEN DECIDED DISCUSSION WAS INDEED CLOSED AND NO FURTHER REMARKS WOULD BE PERMITTED. FOLLOWING MORNING, FRENCH, UK, AND FRG DELEGATIONS, WHICH HAD ALSO INTENDED TO MAKE JOINT EC ORAL STATEMENT, MADE DEMARCHE TO ECWA CHAIRMAN

REGARDING RIGHTS OF OBSERVER DELEGATIONS TO ADDRESS
PLENARY. AFTER LONG CLOSED SESSION OF ECWA MEMBERS,
CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT ALTHOUGH DISCUSSION OF (PLO)
ISSUE WAS CLOSED, ANY OBSERVER DELEGATION COULD
MAKE "GENERAL" STATEMENT IN WHICH ANY MATTER OF
RELEVANCE TO ECWA MIGHT BE ADDRESSED OR COULD
SUBMIT STATEMENT IN WRITING TO THE CHAIR ON ANY
SPECIFIC ISSUE. BOTH EC AND US DELS CHOSE TO
SUBMIT LETTERS TO CHAIR AS MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS
OF EXPRESSING OUR VIEWS WITHOUT CAUSING MAJOR DIS-
RUPTION OF PLENARY. LETTERS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DISTRIBUTED

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TO CHIEFS OF ECWA MEMBER-STATE DELEGATIONS. PLO
RESOLUTION WAS SPONSORED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TEXTS OF EC AND US LETTERS FOLLOW:

EC LETTER QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
I SHOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
"IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 1818 OF THE 55TH SESSION
OF ECOSOC THIS REGIONAL COMMISSION IS TO BE COMPOSED
OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS." END QUOTE
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US LETTER QUOTE I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT YOU
INSERT INTO THE CONFERENCE RECORD AND CIRCULATE TO
CONFERENCE MEMBERS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT;
"THE UNITED STATES OBSERVER DELEGATION WISHES
TO STATE CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP OF
THE PLO IN ECWA THAT THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS IT
WRONG TO ACCORD FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS IN INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL BODIES SUCH AS ECWA TO ORGANIZATIONS
WHICH ARE NOT STATES. THE UNITED STATES WILL
REAFFIRM AND EXPLAIN IN DETAIL ITS OPPOSITION TO
PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA WHEN THE MATTER IS CONSIDERED
BY THE UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL." END QUOTE

4. EGYPTIAN MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA -- DESPITE JOINT
SYRIAN AND SAUDI ARABIAN SPONSORSHIP, THERE WAS SOME
INITIAL RESISTANCE TO RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT
ECOSOC ADMIT EGYPT AND MEMBER OF ECWA. ACCORDING
TO EGYPT DEL, RESISTANCE WAS FROM "GULF STATES" WHO
CLAIMED THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. ULTIMATELY,
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. COMMENT--ECWA REFUSAL TO ALLOW US DEL (AND
EC DEL) TO ADDRESS MATTER OF PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA
ORALLY WAS AT LEAST DISCOURTEOUS IF NOT ACTUAL
VIOLATION OF UN RULES OF ORDER, AND WE SO INFORMED
ECWA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PER INSTRUCTIONS. PROCEDURE
BY WHICH ENTIRE DISCUSSION OF PLO RESOLUTION (APRIL
24) PRECEDED TABLING OF RESOLUTION (APRIL 26) ALSO
APPEARS TO US AT LEAST UNORTHODOX. (INTERESTINGLY,
KUWAITI DEL OBJECTED TO JUST THIS PROCEDURE LATER
IN PLENARY WHEN IN HURRY TO CONCLUDE PLENARY
BUSINESS, HOST OF RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING DISCUSSED
PRIOR TO AVAILABILITY OF THEIR TEXTS.) VARIOUS
EC NATIONAL DELEGATIONS SEEM CONTENT WITH OUTCOME
OF US AND EC EFFORTS TO PUT THEIR VIEWS ON RECORD.
WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT OUR POINT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY
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MADE. DEPARTMENT AND USUN MAY WISH TO CONSIDER
PURSUING MANNER IN WHICH SOME ECWA
MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO SILENCE US AND EC DELS. WITH EC-9
AND AT ECOSOC. US DEL WAS GRATIFIED BY COMPLETE COOPERATION
AND SUPPORT BY EC NATIONAL DELEGATION AT PLENARY.
END COMMENT.

6. FULL SET OF PLENARY DOCUMENTS AND OTHER
PAPERS BEING POUCHED TO IO AND USUN.
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